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"Except for sports sponsored as physical education at the schools, there can be said to be no formal recreational activities among the Formosan-Chinese. They are all too busy making a living. Amusement is found at the motion picture theaters and (for the men) in the cafes of the towns. Only a very few who have had advanced education are interested in or have opportunity for sports such as tennis, swimming, hiking, etc."

241 on the island work every day of the year. The
461 growing industrial society, however, allows one day of rest each week, and office workers and shopkeepers are accustomed to a long lunch recess in the European fashion.

177 A majority of city dwellers have running water and electric lights. Most families in the cities own sewing machines and bicycles. As the islanders acquire Western conveniences and possessions, their patterns of living take on the configurations common to the occidental world.

526 Sports -- soccer, basketball, and baseball -- are popular among the younger generation. A Formosan basketball team toured the United States and countries in Southeast Asia in 1955. A soccer team from Formosa is to participate in the Olympics in Australia.

524 Mah-jongg and chess, traditional games
617 of the leisured class, have retained their popularity among the older generation. The
517 young favor motion pictures and dancing.
529 Government officials and wealthy persons of other classes take their families to one of the numerous scenic resorts or hot springs in

517 northern Formosa for a country weekend.
529 Only the poor have little time, money, or leisure for these pastimes. But the workers
517 in the cities amuse themselves by playing upon the hu-ch'in, a two-stringed fiddle, or singing folksongs, as well as granting themselves a short holiday at the time of local festivals. For rural workers, a shopping trip to a nearby city affords the greatest pleasure and provides them with subjects for idle talk when they have opportunity to visit with neighbors.

E. Annual Festivals

527 The primary recreational outlet for the people of Formosa is active participation in public festivals. The majority of Chinese festival days are observed on the island, particularly in the rural districts. The New Year is a time of family reunion as well as a time to propitiate the gods and do reverence to the dead.[5] The festival lasts for fifteen days, and daily offerings are made to the household gods and to the family's ancestors.

5. The festivals are celebrated according to the lunar calendar, which lags about one month behind the Gregorian calendar.